

## FORT RILEY DEER HUNTING REGULATIONS - 2005

***The military mission has precedence over the announced hunting season.*** The Fort Riley Military Reservation or portions of it may be closed at anytime, without prior notice, due to military activities. The use of vehicles to access all or portions of the post where deer hunting is allowed may be prohibited during all or parts of the firearms deer season. Additional security measures may be implemented at any time without notice, resulting in access restrictions in addition to those explained in this publication.

1. **SEASON:** All Kansas residents and non-residents are eligible to hunt for white-tailed deer on Fort Riley. Deer hunting opportunities will consist of four seasons on Fort Riley in 2005:

- **Muzzleloader Season:** 10-23 Sept.
- **Youth/Disabled Season:** 24-25 Sept.
- **Archery Season:** 1 Oct. to 31 Dec.
- **Regular Firearms Season:** 25-27 November, 17-21 Dec. and 27-30 Dec

2. **PERMITS REQUIRED:** The following permits and tags are required to hunt deer on Fort Riley.

- A. **Kansas Hunting License** (resident \$19.00 nonresident \$71.00)
- B. **Kansas Deer Tag** (resident - \$32.15, nonresident \$321.00)
- C. **Fort Riley Hunting Permit** (\$16.00)
- D. **Fort Riley Deer Hunting Permit** (free of charge)

3. **Pre-hunt Briefing:** All prospective hunters must receive a mandatory pre-hunt briefing regardless of season prior to hunting on Fort Riley. Persons who complete the briefing will receive a 2005 Fort Riley Deer Permit that will allow them to hunt during one or more of the seasons outlined in paragraph 4. Briefings will be conducted on a walk in basis beginning on 1 September at Fort Riley's Conservation Office (bldg 1020) from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm on regularly scheduled workdays. Occasional weekend and evening briefing times will be scheduled throughout the season. A Fort Riley Deer Permit will not be issued to any individual without receiving the pre-hunt briefing. A parent or legal guardian may receive the briefing and sign for hunters 17 and younger. Each person must have their Fort Riley Hunting Permit at the time of their briefing.

## 4. FORT RILEY DEER SEASON PARTICIPATION

A. **Traditional Muzzleloader Season** (10-23 Sept): Upon completion of the pre-hunt briefing, any person with a valid state of Kansas Unit 8 Firearms Deer Tag may hunt during this season using **traditional muzzleloader** equipment described below in paragraph 8.

B. **Youth/Disabled Season** (24-25 September): Upon completion of the pre-hunt briefing, any person with a valid state of Kansas Unit 8 Firearms or Unit A3 Archery Deer Tag, who qualifies as a youth/disabled hunter per Kansas regulation, may hunt during this season using **any legal equipment** described below in paragraph 8.

**C. Archery Season (1 October - 31 December)** upon completion of the pre-hunt briefing, any person with a valid state of Kansas Unit A3 Archery Deer Tag may hunt during this season on Fort Riley using legal archery equipment described below in paragraph 8.

**D. Regular Firearms Season** (Shotgun and Muzzleloader Only Segment 25 – 27 November; Rifle Segment 17 - 21 December and 27 - 30 December.) Upon completion of the pre-hunt briefing, any person with a valid state of Kansas Unit 8 Firearms Deer Tag and who successfully obtains a Fort Riley Either Sex and/or Antlerless Firearms Deer Permit is eligible to hunt during the Fort Riley Deer Season. Distribution of Fort Riley Either Sex Firearms Deer and Fort Riley Antlerless Firearms Deer Permits as described below in paragraph 5.

## **5. PERMIT ACQUISITION**

A. Kansas Tags and Licenses: Kansas Hunting Licenses and Kansas Resident Deer Permits are available over-the-counter at Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks offices and some local vendors. Kansas Nonresident Whitetail Antlerless Only Deer permits may be obtained from Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks offices, Kansas County Clerks and many Kansas License vendors. All deer hunters are required to purchase a Kansas Deer Tag that allows them to take an antlered deer before they may acquire a game tag.

B. Fort Riley Hunting Permits: Fort Riley Hunting Permits are available over-the-counter at Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks offices and some local vendors, including Fort Riley's Outdoor Recreation Center. Fort Riley Firearms Deer Permits are available only at the Fort Riley Conservation Office (bldg 1020).

C. Fort Riley Deer Permits: A Fort Riley Deer Permit will be issued upon completion of the pre-hunt briefing. Hunters may choose from a variety of methods to harvest deer including archery, muzzleloader and/or regular firearms to harvest up to five deer as allowed by the state of Kansas. However, permits for the Regular Fort Riley Firearms Season will be limited to two per person as described below:

1) Fort Riley Either Sex Firearms Deer Permits: A lottery drawing will be held on 3 November at 4:30 pm at the Conservation Office (bldg 1020) to allocate 200 Fort Riley Either Sex Firearms Deer Permits. Applications will be accepted at the Conservation Office and at the Outdoor Recreation Center (bldg 9011) from 3 October to 28 October. Successful applicants may pick up their Fort Riley Either Sex Deer Permit beginning 8:00 am on 7 November at the Conservation Office. Any Either Sex Permit not issued by 18 November will become available through a second lottery drawing at 8:00 am on 20 November. Persons unsuccessful in the first Either Sex drawing will be automatically entered into the second drawing. Persons not entered into the first drawing may enter the second drawing prior to the 20 November drawing. Any permits drawn by deployed soldiers or civilians will be held through the last day of the season. Persons unsuccessful in receiving a 2005 Fort Riley Either Sex Firearms Permit will receive preference during the 2006 Fort Riley firearms deer permit drawing. Any permits unassigned after the 20 November drawing will be distributed first-come, first-served (maximum of one per person).

2) Fort Riley Antlerless Firearms Deer Permits: Fort Riley Antlerless Firearms Deer Permits will be distributed 1 per person through the end of the Fort Riley Firearms Deer Season (30 December). However, applicants unsuccessful in the Fort Riley Either Sex Firearms Deer

Permit drawings may receive 2 antlerless permits. Fort Riley permits may not be transferred to any other person except that a deploying soldier or civilian may transfer their Fort Riley Deer Permit(s) to an immediate family member.

**6. BAG LIMIT and TAGGING INSTRUCTIONS:** The bag limit is one white-tailed deer per Fort Riley Deer Permit and appropriate Kansas Tag. Each deer harvested must be immediately affixed with the Kansas deer tag per Kansas Regulations. **Hunters may harvest only one antlered deer in 2005, regardless of method(s) of take.**

## **7. HUNT PROCEDURES**

**Area Assignment:** To provide a safe and high quality deer hunt, no more than the following number of firearms deer hunters will be allowed in each Fort Riley Deer Management Area on any day of either the November or December segments of the season: Unit I - 80, Unit II – 60, Unit III – 80, Unit IV - 50 and Unit V – 80.

**Sign-in/Sign-out Procedures: NOTE: All or parts of the post's Hunting Areas may be closed to hunting during part of the Muzzleloader, Youth/Disabled and Archery Seasons because of military activities.**

### **Traditional Muzzleloader Season** (10-23 Sept)

**All hunters** must check-in and check-out each day they hunt at any of the ten Fort Riley Self-Service Hunter Check Stations. Hunters may only hunt in areas listed at the Check Stations as open for muzzleloader deer hunting on the particular day they wish to hunt.

### **Youth/Disabled HunterSeason** (24-25 Sept)

**All hunters** must check-in and check-out each day they hunt at any of the ten Fort Riley Self-Service Hunter Check Stations. Hunters may only hunt in areas listed at the Check Stations as open for deer hunting on the particular day they wish to hunt. Rifle hunting is not allowed on Fort Riley during this segment.

### **Archery Season** (1 Oct. to 31 Dec)

**All hunters** must check-in and check-out each day they hunt at any of the ten Fort Riley Self-Service Hunter Check Stations. Hunters may only hunt in areas listed at the Check Stations as open for archery deer hunting on the particular day they wish to hunt.

### **Regular Firearms Season** (25-27 November, 17-21 Dec. and 27-30 Dec)

ALL firearms deer hunters check in/out using one of the following two methods:

1) **Physically check-in at Bldg 1020**, Fort Riley to receive their daily area assignment before they hunt on each and every day that they firearms deer hunt on post. Areas will be assigned each day on a first come - first served basis. Hunters may hunt only in their assigned area. Hunters may **not** change areas during the day **EXCEPT** a hunter who kills a deer may change areas after processing that deer through the Fort Riley deer check station (Building 1020). Hunters may check-in to hunt beginning at 5:00 a.m. each day during the November segment and 6:00 a.m. during the December segment of the season. **Do not use Fort Riley Self-Service Hunter Check Stations for this method.**

2) **Pre select one Fort Riley Deer Management Area prior to 23 November.** Hunters who choose to pre select an area may hunt for deer in only that area during the entire Fort Riley Firearms Deer Season. Changing areas will only be considered if an area becomes closed or substantially closed due to military training. All hunters who pre-select an area must physically check in and out at one of the ten self service check stations each day they hunt.

**ALL** firearms hunters regardless of check out method must bring **each** deer harvested to the Fort Riley Deer Check Station for examination before 7:00 pm on the day that deer is killed. Each hunter, whose Kansas deer permit is affixed to a deer, must accompany that deer through the check station. **All deer should be brought to the check station field dressed unless instructed otherwise prior to the season.**

### **Legal equipment:**

**Muzzleloader Season:** Hunters may only use **traditional caplock or flintlock muzzleloaders**. **Inline muzzleloaders and rifle scopes** are not legal equipment on Fort Riley during the September segment.

**Youth/Disabled Hunter Season:** Any legal firearm and archery equipment allowed by the state of Kansas.

**Archery Season:** any legal equipment allowed by the state of Kansas.

**Regular Firearms Season:** During the November segment, the **ONLY** legal firearms for deer hunting on Fort Riley are any legalshotgun any legal bow and any legal muzzleloader. During the December segments, hunters in Fort Riley Deer Units II and V may only use any legal bow, muzzleloader or any legalshotgun . Hunters in the remainder of Fort Riley's Deer Units may use any legal bow or legal firearm to include center fire rifles or handguns during the December segment.

## **8. FIREARMS REGISTRATION**

Fort Riley Regulation 190-1 requires that **ALL** firearms brought on-post be registered with Fort Riley. Firearms must be registered regardless of military affiliation of the owner. Call the PMO at (785) 239-6767, Building 221 for more information about registration procedures or acquire it at the fort's Conservation Office.

## **9. OFF LIMITS AREAS**

**The IMPACT AREA and MPRC are OFF-LIMITS at all times.** Other areas may be off-limits during all or part of the deer season. Listings and/or maps of off-limits areas will be posted at all ten Fort Riley Self -Service Hunter Check Stations and at the fort's Conservation Office during the firearms deer season.

## **10. MISCELLANEOUS**

A. Construction and/or use of "permanent" tree stands are **prohibited**. A "permanent" tree stand is defined as any stand that is fastened to a tree by nails, screws, spikes or similar,

penetrating objects. Portable tree stands are permitted and may be placed no earlier than 15 August 2005. All components of a portable tree stand (including wire, chain, rope or other material used to fasten the stand to the tree) must be removed from the tree by 31 January 2006. Use of nails, screws, spikes or similar penetrating objects as "steps" or "ladders" to access portable tree stands is prohibited.

B. A completed Fort Riley Recreational Vehicle Marker must be displayed in the front window of all vehicles being used while deer hunting or otherwise recreating on Fort Riley.

C. Use of motorized vehicles off-road on Fort Riley is prohibited.

D. All deer hung in post housing areas must be completely covered with an opaque fabric or other material suitable for completely concealing the carcass. Deer being transported on Fort Riley in or on a vehicle that are visible from outside of that vehicle must be covered in that same manner.

E. **ALL** persons recreating on Fort Riley must wear **at least** 200 square inches of fluorescent orange on their chest and back and a hat of the same color at all times when they are not in a vehicle or building **during the Fort Riley Firearms Deer Season**. Muzzleloader deer hunters during the September segment must wear that same clothing.

F. All individuals must have completed a NRA approved hunter education course per AR 210-21.

## **11. QUALITY DEER MANAGEMENT**

Several "Quality Deer Management" (QDM) initiatives are being implemented this year in an effort to improve the overall average antler size of our mature bucks. One of the most important aspects of QDM is to let 1 ½ and 2 ½ year old bucks grow for another year. Success or failure of this effort will be due in large part to hunter restraint. Please consider the overall quality of our deer herd when harvesting your deer.

## **12. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

For further information concerning the 2005 Fort Riley firearms deer season, contact Fort Riley's Conservation Office, bldg 1020, (785) 239-6211. Conservation Office hours are Monday - Friday, 7:30 am - 4:00 pm. The mailing address is:

Fort Riley Conservation Office  
ATTN: IMNW-RLY-PWE  
Fort Riley, Kansas 66442-6016

## **Fort Riley Firearms Deer Season Calendar of Events**

<u>1 September</u>	First day to receive the mandatory pre-hunt briefing
<u>10-23 September</u>	Traditional Muzzleloader Season
<u>25-27 September</u>	Youth/Disabled Hunter Season
<u>1 October</u>	First day of Archery Season
<u>3 October</u>	First day to pick up one antlerless permit First day to apply for Fort Riley Either Sex Firearms Deer Permit
<u>28 October</u>	Last day to apply for Fort Riley Firearms Either Sex Firearms Deer Permit
<u>3 November</u>	Fort Riley Either Sex Firearms Deer Permit Drawing, 6:30 PM bldg 1020
<u>7 November</u>	First day successful applicants may pick up Fort Riley Either Sex Deer Permits.
<u>18 November</u>	Last day for successful applicants to pick up Fort Riley Either Sex Permits
<u>21 November</u>	Second drawing for leftover Fort Riley Either Sex Permits
<u>25-27 November</u>	First segment Fort Riley Firearms Season. (Shotgun, muzzleloader and archery only).
<u>17 –21 December</u>	Second segment Fort Riley Firearms Deer Season
<u>27-30 December</u>	Third segment Fort Riley Firearms Deer Season

# Fort Riley Deer Management Areas

